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SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Schrock, followed by Senators Bromm, Schimek, Erdman, Brashear, and Wehrbein. Senator Bromm (sic).

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Schimek, I must respond a little bit to...\$89,000 is not too much to pay somebody with a doctorate. I understand that. I'm saying there are a lot of people in rural Nebraska that don't understand that. And the sad part about it is, they're going to be living in your district next year and not in mine. And it's just accelerating (laugh)...it's just accelerating the shift from rural Nebraska to the urban areas. And the ag research is out there. Let me give you some...the university...Kansas State, Iowa State, Purdue, Texas A & M, they all spend more on ag research than Nebraska does. And yet, when you take...when you talk about the amount of productivity of the agriculture of this state, we rank about bottom when it comes to ag research as to amount of ag productivity we have in this state. You know, it's kind of a bitter pill to swallow. And I guess if it's in the name of efficiency that's okay, but at least give me a little time to complain a little bit. Listen to me. Listen to me whine. Now, I've contacted Senator Nelson and Senator Hagel's office. And Senator Nelson's office has been quite helpful. They're encouraging the university to write some grants. There's a lot of money in the federal ag program for research. We just need to access it. Bioterrorism, food safety, and a lot...and the university has the facilities out there. The U.S. Animal Meat...the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center is out there, which employs a lot of people. It makes SCREC, South Central Research station, look small. But it just hurts when this happens. It hurts when Holdrege loses a business. And like I said, pardon me if I'm green with envy. But I've always rejoiced when something good happens to Omaha and Lincoln. But...and I don't know the answer. But bear with me while I'm frustrated, okay? (Laugh) Irrigated agriculture. If you were going to pick the most corn productive area in the nation, you'd put a dot at Clay Center, and you'd draw a circle about 50 miles around. There's no place in the world where you can grow better corn than right there. And yet, the university pulls their